

Emergency Plumbing Board Meeting

Friday – December 23, 2005
Division of Building Safety – Meridian

Note: The following report is not intended to be a verbatim transcript of the discussions at the meeting, but is intended to record the significant features of those discussions.

The December 23, 2005, emergency meeting of the Plumbing board was called to order by Chairman Ray Coon at 8:01. The meeting was held in Meridian, Idaho, at the office of the Division of Building Safety. Those attending were:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Ray Coon, Chairman
Mr. Milford Terrell
Mr. Ben Schooley (via telephone)
Mr. Bob Livesay (via telephone)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

N/A

DBS STAFF MEMBERS:

Mr. John McAllister, DBS Administrator
Ms. Marsi Woody, DBS Deputy Administrator
Mr. Steve Keys, Building Bureau Chief
Mr. Ted Hogander, HVAC/Plumbing Bureau Chief
Ms. Lorraine Mallett, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Mike Kelley
Mr. Jerry Peterson
Mr. Bob Rawlings

DISCUSSION:

Board Chair, Mr. Ray Coon started the discussion in regards to the Memorandum of Agreement between the Plumbing, HVAC, & Electrical Boards. Mr. Milford Terrell made a **MOTION** to accept a one year extension to the Memorandum of Agreement. Mr. Bob Livesay **SECONDED**. Mr. Ray Coon asked for further discussion. Mr. Steve Keys requested that the Board accept an eighteen month extension, this would allow the legislature to act in 2006, so that a possible statute would be put into place; the MOA would no longer be necessary. Mr. Keys also stated that the other Boards have approved an eighteen month extension. This would make the Memorandum of Agreement good until July 1, 2007.

Mr. Milford Terrell amended his motion to the eighteen month extension if the second would agree. Mr. Bob Livesay agreed. There was further discussion with Mr. Ben Schooley stating that recently it had been brought to his attention that the agreement

between the Plumbing Bureau and the Electrical Bureau is not working as intended. The Plumbing Inspectors do not feel as if they are qualified to inspect an electrical issue. They don't know the codes, they don't have the code books, and if they call out an Electrical Inspector, and if it is an HVAC permit, the Electrical Inspector does not feel as if he has any authority on the job or to even look at the job.

Mr. Steve Keys let the Board know that the Inspector teams have been informed that the Electrical Inspectors are expected to back-up the HVAC Inspectors. Mr. Ben Schooley said that the problem comes in when the Inspectors are up on a commercial building looking at a rooftop and even though the disconnect is in sight, maybe 200 yards across the roof, the Inspectors are not sure if the gauge of the wire is heavy enough. Seems to be a lot of questions as far as the Plumbing Inspectors inspecting Electrical jobs.

Mr. Milford then asked Mr. Schooley if he felt that this Board should put a shorter extension on the Memorandum, so that things could be corrected. Mr. Ray Coon then stated that the other Bureaus have already accepted the eighteen months, and asked Mr. Keys for comment. Mr. Keys commented that under this agreement this Board can renege on the agreement at any time. Mr. Milford Terrell then stated to Mr. Schooley that just because the other Boards have signed onto this does not mean that this Board has to.

Mr. Ray Coon then directed Mr. Steve Keys to pursue the situation of teamwork between the departments, and then report back to this Board.

Mr. Milford Terrell stated that he wanted follow-up on this, maybe have a written response to the facts as to what was stated here now.

Mr. Ray Coon restated that there was a **MOTION** on the floor, it had been **SECONDED**, all were in favor, **MOTION passed.**

Mr. Milford Terrell then asked Chairman Coon if he could make a Motion to pull back the proposed rule relating to supervision requirements for Apprentices. A discussion then ensued concerning the amount of letters and phone calls that the Bureau and Board members are receiving regarding the supervision requirements for Apprentices. Some Board members are not receiving copies of the letters that the Bureau has received. Mr. Terrell wants the Board to be kept up to date on a continual basis regarding the letters and other inquiries from the Plumbing profession.

Mr. Terrell would like to bring this rule back to the Board at a later date, in a form that is similar to what the State of Washington or other states have.

Mr. Ray Coon then said that there was a Motion on the floor, Mr. Ben Schooley seconded with further discussion. Mr. Schooley felt that the rule change's intent was good. He has received some phone calls, some very constructive, some semi-vicious. But the main reason why he is in favor of pulling this rule as it is now written is a lot of the Contractors have not spoken up in favor of the rule.

Mr. Ray Coon said that there was a **MOTION** on the floor and a **SECOND**, all aye **MOTION PASSED**.

Mr. Ray Coon then offered the floor to Mr. Jerry Peterson. Mr. Peterson appealed to the Board to use whatever channels possible in the future so that people are made aware of exactly what the Board's intent is. If the Board is going to change supervision, show the public what changes are being planned. He also brought up the topic of ratios, and how ratios are a part of supervision. He wants to bring this back up for further discussion, but with ratios added. Ratios and supervision work hand in hand. Thinks that this is something that the industry should be allowed to weigh in on. The problem, the animosity here from certain individuals come not from what the Board was intending or not intending to do, but the fact that they were not given adequate notice to comment.

Mr. Milford Terrell stated that normally the Division has counsel attend these meetings. Counsel advises the Boards on the process and rule making. If there is something that Mr. Jerry Peterson feels like the Board is doing wrong here, Mr. Terrell asked him to put it in writing and send it to the Board. Let counsel decide if this person or that person is right. Things change at the last minute. They do that in all phases even in legislation.

Mr. Milford Terrell moved to adjourn, Mr. Bob Livesay seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

_____ Steve Keys, Building Bureau Chief Division of Building Safety	_____ Date
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_____ John McAllister, Administrator Division of Building Safety	_____ Date
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_____ Ray Coon, Chairman Plumbing Board	_____ Date
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